



LtCol Eric W. Kelly
DEPUTY JOINT BASE COMMANDER
JOINT BASE MYER-HENDERSON HALL



A native of York, Pa., Lieutenant Colonel Eric W. Kelly enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1988. His first assignment was with Marine Corps Security Force Company, Keflavik, Iceland. Upon completing his tour in Iceland, LtCol Kelly was assigned to Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marines as a mortar man. While with 3/6, he deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and completed deployments to Okinawa, Fuji, Japan, and Bridgeport, Calif.

LtCol Kelly graduated Magna Cum Laude and received his commission from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in April 1996; he graduated from The Basic School in March 1997.



Upon completion of the Infantry Officer Course later that year, LtCol Kelly reported for duty with 2d Battalion, 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Following assignments as a Rifle Platoon Commander, Combined Anti-Armor Platoon Commander, Weapons Company Executive Officer, and Weapons Company Commander and deployments to: Okinawa, Korea, Panama, Argentina and to the Mediterranean in support of Landing Force Sixth Fleet (LF6F), he transferred to Weapons Training Battalion, Quantico, Va. in 2000. With Weapons Training Battalion, he served as the Officer in Charge of the High Risk Personnel course, assistant director Marksmanship Program Management section (MPMS), and eventually the director MPMS.

Following his assignment at Weapons Training Battalion, LtCol Kelly attended the Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School; concurrently he graduated with distinction and earned a Masters in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. He was assigned the duties of Commanding Officer, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, and Commanding Officer, Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines; he deployed these units to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) respectively. After returning from Iraq, LtCol Kelly was assigned to Third Marine Regiment as the Regimental Assistant Operations Officer.

LtCol Kelly completed JPME II and was subsequently assigned to the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission in the Republic of Korea. Upon completion, LtCol Kelly reported to Okinawa, Japan for duty with the 3d Marine Division. While with the Division, he deployed to OIF and subsequently served as the Operations Officer for HQBN, 3rd MARDIV. Upon selection to his present rank, he was reassigned and served as the OPSO for 4th Marine Regiment. Following this tour, he was assigned to the AFGPAK Hands program where he completed tours to Afghanistan and an IA assignment to Iraq. Upon completion, he assumed his current billet.

LtCol Kelly's personal awards include: the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak clusters, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with 2 gold stars, and Combat Action Ribbon with 2 stars.

LtCol Kelly is married to the former Ms. Adaarema Abena Sparks of Accra, Ghana. They have three children: Mickayla, Eric Jr. and Danielle.